Indo-US co-operation in the field of weights and measures

2034. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and the United States have agreed to co-operate in the field of weights and measures science; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSHI): (a) and (b) The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research have informed that a Collaborative Project in the area of "Measurement Science" has been started in April, 1989 at NPL under the Indo-US Sub-Commission Programme (through Rupee Fund). The title of the Project is:

"Studies on (A) Change in Mass of Stainless Steel Standards (B) Characteristics of Zener Diodes for use in D.C. Voltage Standards (C) Laser Standards for Length and Frequency Measurements (D) Intercomparison and Dissemination of Techniques for Time and Frequency Standards using satellites".

Measures to control floods in Bihar

2035. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the editorial in the *Hindustan Times* of the 26th May, 1989 under the caption 'Flood Control in Bihar';

(b) whether Government have devised comprehensive strategy to prevent flood havoc in Bihar; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A proposal for a technology mission on the Flood problems of North Bihar was mooted. The views of the Government of Bihar have been sought in the matter.

Irrigation projects from Orissa pending clearance

2036. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the irrigation projects sent by the Orissa Government for Central Government's approval; and

(b) since when these projects are pending for approval and the reasons for the delay in according approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Of the two major and 12 medium irrigation projects received, appraisal of four medium projects, namely, Sapua Badjore, Rukura, Bakhalati and Deo, which are included in the Seventh Plan, and of the Birupa Genguti project has been completed. Others are not included in the Seventh Plan. Names of these projects are Ong dam, Lower Suktel, Ret, Telengir, Upper Langth, Rukura, Sapua Badjore, Baghalati, Jeera, Deo, Birupa Genguti, Dhauragoth, Kutulisingha and Manjore. In addition ten major and five medium projects have been returned to State Government due to non-compliance of the comments of the apraising agencies.

Export of frozen minced meat to United Arab Emirates

2037. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has banned three brand of frozen minced meat being exported from India; and